

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-9 contain allowable subject matter. In this reply, claims 4 and 7 have been rewritten into independent form. All remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 4 or 7. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2 stand rejected over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0025465 to Swanson et al. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 4. In view of the above amendments, this rejection is now moot.

New Claims

New claims 10-11 have been added by this reply. These claims correspond to original claims 2 and 3 simply with changed dependency. As these new claims are fully supported by the original specification and are dependent on an allowed base claim, entry and favorable consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 02008.124001).

Respectfully submitted,

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